



FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**Bulletin for
Second Sunday in Lent
February 25, 2024**

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WELCOME TO FARMINGDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. Claire Hojung Wu, Pastor
David Majoros, D.M.A., Director of Music
Sharon Lensky, Liturgist

GATHERING

“Down to the River to Pray” – Hayes/ arr D. E. Wagner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PRELUDE

“The God of Abraham Praise”

UMH #116 (vv. 1, 4)

+ Bringing the light of Christ into the sanctuary

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are invited to walk with God.

We are welcomed by God as people of the covenant.

How awesome to stand in the presence of our Creator!

We bring our praise to glorify God.

God calls us by name and gives us new names.

We are summoned to faithfulness and fruitfulness.

God not only speaks to us but also listens.

God hears our cries and meets our needs.

Let the ends of the earth remember and turn to God.

Let the families of all nations worship the Creator.

We will pay our vows to the One who calls us.

We praise the God of all nations and all peoples.

*OPENING HYMN

“Step by Step”

W&S #3004

SHARING GOD’S BLESSINGS WITH EACH OTHER

INVOCATION

In trust and confidence, we call on your name, almighty God, eager to know you more fully and serve you more faithfully. We have heard your amazing promises given to our ancestors in the faith. We seek your word for us in our day, for we want to grow strong in our faith as our ancestors did in theirs. As they gave you glory and praise, we gather to do the same. As they passed on their faith to new generations, we seek to teach and live in such a way that our children and their children will be drawn to minister in your name. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our ancestors, we come to you, confessing that we have set our minds on human things. We have sought to gain the world – so many things to buy, so many things to do. Yet we are not satisfied. Life’s meaning eludes us. Your ways seem of our date; your promises appear as the hopes and dreams

of a past generation. But in our hearts we sense an eternal design which is for all generations, a way of life more satisfying than we have allowed ourselves to explore. O God, we confess our need for you.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God's face is not hidden from those who truly seek. God does not withhold love from us when we go our own way. When we open our eyes to see God's works, when we open our ears to hear God's word, when all our senses are alert to God's leading, we will realize how we have been blessed by an unseen hand, forgiven and restored to wholeness. God offers us the opportunity to live as ones in tune with the universe, filled with hope, upheld in love, swelling in covenant.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

ANTHEM "I Can Do All Things" – Martin & Angerman
The Chancel Choir

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 29:13-14

***GOSPEL READING** Luke 7:36-50

HYMN OF PREPARATION "El Shaddai" UMH #123 (2X)

SERMON Pastor Claire Wu

CHORAL PRAYER RESPONSE "Amen" - Ringwald
The Chancel Choir

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY SONG "Lamb of God" FWS #2113
The Chancel Choir

***DOXOLOGY** UMH #95

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)**

Glorious God, we dedicate these gifts as an expression of our faith. You alone know how much we share and how much we withhold. You know the extent of our trust and the depth of our commitment. May this act of giving draw us closer to you and extend a blessing to all who are helped through our sharing. Amen.

***HYMN** "There's a Spirit of Love in This Place" W&S #3148

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** "There's a Spirit of Love in This Place" W&S #3148 (Refrain)

Our worship has ended. Our service begins.

(*) Please stand as you are able.

OUR THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR MINISTRY:

UPCOMING LITURGISTS:

March 2024
TBD

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

March 2024
3rd – Faustina & Vicki
10th – Smith/Muller
17th – Jayme & Diane
24th – Rita & John
31st - UWF

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME, VISITORS!

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us today! If this is your first time with us, be sure to stop by the Visitor Center, in the room to the side of the Sanctuary, for a welcome packet and a gift! If you wish to receive our newsletter, please send us your contact information to office@farmingdaleumc.org and visit our website farmingdaleumc.org.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Church Council Meeting – Monday, February 26th at 7 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Bishop Bickerton to Visit LIE District - Thursday, March 14th** - Bishop Bickerton will meet with clergy and laity at 6:30 p.m., at the Bible Korean UMC in Dix Hills.
- **LIE Youth Retreat at Camp Quinipet – April 5th-7th** – Grades 6-12. See the flyer for more details

SPIRITUAL FORMATION MINISTRIES

- FRIDAY LADIES SMALL GROUP MEETS AT 7:30 PM VIA ZOOM
- SATURDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY MEETS AT 8:00 AM-9:00AM VIA ZOOM
- WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY MEETS AT 10:30 AM VIA ZOOM

CONCERNS & COMMITMENTS:

Whenever the gospel of Jesus Christ is proclaimed, the Spirit of God is at work. If you have been touched by God and desire to make a commitment to Christ and to His Church or you would like to have the pastor pray with/for you, please *come to the Altar after worship*, the pastor will meet with you for prayer.

WRITE PRAYER CONCERN AND JOY

If you want to submit your prayer requests, we suggest you to write your prayer request upon your arrival at the sanctuary, and then pass it to the prayer basket during the prayer time. Thank you!

LENT 2024 SERVICES SCHEDULE:

Lent began on Ash Wednesday, February 14, and Easter is on Sunday, March 31. This Lenten season, may we let go of everything that has discouraged us and held us back, and pray that God will guide us as we reclaim, revive, and renew our faith.

- 3rd Sunday in Lent: Youth Sunday: Sunday, March 3 at 9:30 am
- 5th Sunday in Lent: Dramatic reading of the Wife of the Pontius Pilate: Sunday, March 17 at 9:30 am
- Palm Sunday: Easter Cantata: Sunday, March 24 at 9:30 am

- The Central Nassau Cooperative Parish Lenten Meditation Service: Tuesday, March 26 at Risen Rock Bansuk Korean UMC at 7:30 pm.
- Maundy Thursday Service: Thursday, March 28 at 7 pm
- Good Friday Service: Friday, March 29 at 7 pm
- Easter Worship Service: Sunday, March 31 at 9:30 am



2024 LENTEN STUDY

Our 2024 Lenten Study will take place on the six Sundays in Lent, **February 18th through March 24th**, with a potluck supper at 5:00PM and the program at 6:00PM. This year we will be studying the book, *Revival*, a six-week journey through England as we study together following the life of John Wesley and exploring his defining characteristics of a Wesleyan Christian. As we study, Pastor Claire will share the experience of the trip to John Wesley's England.

There is a sign-up at the Visitors' Desk in the transept for the supper and program OR just the program. Any questions, please contact Karen Gierie Newman, newman1309@aol.com.

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